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Transmitted herewith is a patent application entitled "B Lymphocyte Stimulator (BLyS) As A Marker in Management of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus". The inventors are Robert P. Kimberly and Tong Zhou.

Enclosed are 16 pages of specification (including the claims) with 9 claims (2 independent) and on page of Abstract. Applicants request, in accord with 37 CFR 1.53 (a) and (b), that a serial number and filing date be assigned to the application as of the date of receipt of the presented papers. An executed Declaration and the filing fee will be forwarded in due course.

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